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SUBJECT: 32ND UNGA: OMNIBUS OUTER SPACE RESOLUTION

- 1. SOVIET DEL SMIRNOV HAS INFORMED AUSTRIA AND US NOVEMBER 23 THAT HE HAS RECEIVED AT THE LAST MINUTE "VERY SEVERE INSTRUCTIONS" FROM MOSCOW TO SEEK A CHANGE IN THE TEXT OF THE OMNIBUS OUTER SPACE RES, PARA 6 PERTAINING TO LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF REMOTE SENSING PRINCIPLES. MOSCOW INSISTS THAT IN PARA 6(II) THE FOLLOWING WORDS SHOULD BE DELETED: "ON THE BASIS OF COMMON ELEMENTS IDENTIFIED BY IT." SMUN FURTHER HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO WITHDRAW SOVIET CO-SPONSHORSHIP, TO CALL FOR A SEPARATE VOTE ON OPERATIVE PARA 6 AND VOTE AGAINST IT, AND TO ABSTAIN ON THE RESOLUTION AS A SHOLE UNLESS THIS PHRASE IS DELETED FROM THE RESOLUTION.
- 2. SMIRNOV CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO THE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 31 OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT (A/32/20) AS THE BASIS FOR THE SOVIET POSITION IN ASKING FOR THE DELETION OF THIS PHRASE. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE SECOND SENTENCE OF PARA 31 REFERS TO THE NEED FOR THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE TO FORMULATE DRAFT PRINCIPLES ON THE BASIS OF COMMON ELEMENTS IDENTIFIED BY IT.

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3. AUSTRIA INTENDS TO CONVENE A MEETING OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 24 AT 11 AM TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION.

REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS. YOUNG CONFIDENTIAL

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